

19 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 19 January 1961

PRESENT: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gates, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harr, Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Possible Soviet Space Efforts

The Board discussed the possibility that during the inauguration period or immediately thereafter the Soviets might attempt a spectacular breakthrough in space, perhaps involving orbiting a human being. It was pointed out that arrangements have been made to insure that the responsible officials in the incoming administration are aware of the existing Public Information Guidelines prepared by the OCB against this contingency.

2. Paris Air Show

The matter of U.S. participation in the Paris Air Show was raised once more. The Board agreed that from the point of view of public opinion abroad it would be useful for this country to be represented. It was also noted, however, that the financial problem remains unsolved but is being discussed among several agencies.

3. Sprague Committee Report

The Board asked the Executive Officer to inform members of any successor board that President Eisenhower has referred the report of the Sprague Committee to appropriate action agencies.

4. Commendation of the Executive Officer

The Board adopted a resolution commending the work of Mr. Smith as Executive Officer.


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Director

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